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# Demonstration symbolizes LGBT-related youth suicides



BY KELLY REQUA  
News Editor

Bodies were spread across the Student Union and Recreation Center east patio Monday morning, outlined with chalk as students slowly passed on their way to class. Their silent tribute was a demonstration for the loss of several Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender youth (LGBT) over the last few weeks.

The event was called “1 in 3” in recognition of the statistic that one in three youth suicides are LGBT-related. Nicholas Saine, junior family and consumer science education major, hosted the event and felt he was obligated

to bring attention to the high rate of LGBT suicides that have occurred due to bullying.

“Sometimes it doesn’t matter if your gay or straight or black or white, we’re all being picked on the same way,” Saine said.

October is LGBT history month and the demonstration coincided with National Coming Out Day. The event consisted of passing out ribbons for those who pledged not to tolerate bullying, the re-enacted ‘dead’ bodies and video displays.

A strange trend of LGBT suicides have occurred across the nation, the majority of them caused by harassment and bullying. The suicides have spurred an effort to educate students of all ages on the importance of acceptance and not tolerating bullying.

Mathew Ballantyne, senior public relations major, participated as a dead body in the demonstration and considers himself an ally of the LGBT community.

“It’s a good statement to make for people that might not usually be affected by this. It really puts it into perspective,” Ballantyne said.

To add strain to an already tense matter, it was reported that on Friday night the LGBT history month board displayed in the SURC was defaced. Saine said the vandalizing was unsettling because it had to have taken place in the SURC where passing students could have witnessed it.

“That the sign was torn down and no one stopped it ... someone needs to say something, come out and say you’re not going to put up with it,” Saine said.

George Senekhamphone, junior business major and president of Equality through Queers and Allies (EQuAl), said it bothers him that it happened, but they will continue to celebrate LGBT history month.

“We don’t want to come off as the type of community that retaliates, the board will go back up,” Senekhamphone said.

According to Senekhamphone, there are over 60 students in EQuAl and an estimated 1 in 10 students on campus designate themselves with the LGBT community.

The day’s events were concluded by a candlelit vigil held in the SURC.

“Sometimes it doesn’t matter if you’re gay or straight or black or white, we’re all being picked on the same way.”

**NICHOLAS SAINE**  
Junior family and consumer science major

## IN MEMORIAL

Students were asked to donate an hour of their time to symbolize the lives lost from suicide throughout the country.

An outstanding amount of deaths have been reported lately due to bullying within the LGBT community.



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# "Some girls just looked like they were dead. It was that bad; eyes in the back of their head."

BY NICOLE SWAPP, JOHN LUKE LaSALLE & ANTHONY JAMES  
Observer Staff

A confirmed list of 49 people, — 26 male and 23 female — attended a party in Roslyn on Friday night. Nine partygoers were loaded into ambulances while 27 others were bussed back to campus, either too drunk to drive or had no way home. Most were freshmen who lived on campus, said CWU Police Chief Steve Rittereiser.

## THE PARTY

Taylor Fish fielded a call from his friend saying she needed a ride home from a house party in Roslyn. He arrived around 11 p.m. Fish found four or five unconscious girls lying on the grass. Another girl's face was covered in blood.

He told the other partygoers to call 911. They said they had but the cops hadn't shown up yet. It was over half an hour before he saw the police. He later found out that a passed-out girl at the Safeway a mile away prompted the police to investigate.

Fish said most of the partygoers were downstairs in the basement, where many people were passed out.

"My friend got stuck inside. He said there was throw up all over," Fish said. "It just looked like a trauma center. It was gruesome."

Fish was in the front yard attending to the sick partygoers because "they weren't letting anybody else inside the house."

Partygoers said there were seven to 12 people in the basement "just all limp."

"This girl was just throwing up in my lap for a good 20 minutes until paramedics came," Fish said. "Some girls just looked like they were dead. It was that bad; eyes in the back of their head... I've never seen somebody in that state before."

At about midnight, help did arrive; he said seven or eight ambulances came.

The party was posted on Facebook and

people thought to be local residents started showing up.

"There were two kids that got the shit beat out of them because they were accused of" spiking the drinks, Fish said. "I'm pretty sure those were two local kids who came. All the guys beat these two kids up."

The locals seemed as if they were older, maybe in their late twenties, Fish said.

## THE RESPONSE

Nine people were sent to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital from the party. Two males and one female stayed overnight at KVCH; later one male was sent to Yakima Regional Medical Center, where he was also kept overnight.

Central's first response was "some form of transportation for the students," Rittereiser said. Cle Elum-Roslyn police "said they had a group of students that had no way to get back to campus."

Both males were released Saturday morning; the female was released Saturday night.

Rittereiser said one other male received medical attention on the scene for a broken nose. That incident is currently under investigation through the Cle Elum-Roslyn Police Department.

According to Linda Schactler, CWU director of public affairs, detectives working out of the University Police station on D Street have been meeting with students. Police are asking students if they felt attacked in any way and what they saw the night of the party.

"Once they talk to the police, the information will be passed to Central, where the student conduct officers will decide what the sanction will be," Rittereiser said.

Central's student code of conduct "is applied on- and off-campus," Rittereiser said. "We are simply being extremely clear about our process because of the number of people who have been informed through the media."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAILY RECORD

**SCENE OF THE CRIME** This weekend house, owned by the parents of the party's student host, is now being treated as a crime scene. A four-hour search revealed no drugs at the house.

## THE INVESTIGATION

The Cle Elum/Roslyn police, University Police, the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency are cooperating in the investigation.

There are currently no known suspects and the investigators have not focused on anyone in particular at the party.

Rittereiser had no comment on media reports that police found a male having sex with a semi-conscious female in a bedroom.

Rittereiser said there have been no findings of drugs at the house. This does not include the toxicology reports, which could take up to eight weeks.

"The student's reaction of this is now, 'The world is going to stereotype Central as a party school,'" Schactler said.

About 1,600 students in residence halls received information regarding where they

could go to talk if they needed, Shactler said. Fish said resident assistants basically just read from the press release that was online. They also gave a hotline number to report information and talked about basics of alcohol safety.

"We've also told students they can talk to the press but they don't have to," Schactler said.

According to numerous news reports, red colored cups at the party were meant for girls and blue for boys. Fish said he didn't hear about different-colored cups.

Fish said he has heard students talk about the party and even a professor joked about it in class — which offended Fish.

"People didn't see the whites of their eyes, they were just limp bodies," he said. "It was just terrible."

See Tina Sparkle's column on P.11 for tips on how to party safely.

## VOICES ON CAMPUS

**You really can't do more to the victims than what's already happened."**

Callie Guntheroth  
junior music

**It's a little blown out of proportion. It happens all over; this was just a big case."**

Megan Truax  
freshman undeclared

**Everybody goes to parties around here. When one guy shows up and Rohypnol is involved, it's not their fault — it's that guy. He or multiple people need to take the whole blame."**

Melanie Rider  
freshman business

**A lot of people already knew about the precautions, so it's nothing shocking. They should have saw it coming."**

Jordan Chiang  
freshman undeclared



KELLY REQUA

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT** KOMO TV's Lindsay Cohen prepares for a live evening broadcast outside Barge Hall.

## National media comes to CWU, story covered worldwide

BY KELLY REQUA  
News Editor

Trucks with satellite dishes and journalists with cameras became a common sight at Central Washington University this week.

Reporters from around the country flocked to Ellensburg to learn more about the party in Roslyn that sent nine students to the hospital Friday night.

Media outlets including CNN, MSNBC, ABC, The Washington Post and even London's The Daily Mail picked up the story.

The parking lot across the street from Barge Hall became the command center for trucks from KIRO 7 and KOMO 4 news while reporters and broadcasters mingled in the parking lot.

Lindsay Cohen from KOMO 4 news prepared on the corner of University Way and D Street for a live evening broadcast. Linda Schactler, CWU director of public affairs, made her way through the parking lot, unstoppped by the news crews. By then, everyone had already interviewed her.

An NBC crew, from Portland and Burbank, Calif., gathered in the parking lot; correspondent Kriston Wilker paced back and forth as she spoke into her phone. The crew was scheduled for a 4 a.m. live broadcast for NBC's "Today Show," (7 a.m. in New York).

The last time Central received national media attention was for the sportsmanship of the women's softball team in 2008. Players received an ESPY Award for carrying an injured opponent around the bases.



# Greenhouse provides living lab for biology department

BY HAYDEN RAPP  
Staff Reporter

There is a place on campus where students are able to explore a lush tropical environment, surrounded by flowering banana trees, ferns, cycads, and a variety of other colorful plant life. Central Washington University's greenhouse is a hub of biological activity, where students can explore plants that they might not be able to find in a town like Ellensburg. The university's greenhouse is not only open to biology students, but every Thursday it is open to the general public and any students who are interested.

"The greenhouse provides a great venue for beating the winter blues," said Jonathan Betz, instructional and classroom support technician for the biological sciences department. "In the middle of Ellensburg guests can step into a warm, tropical rainforest environment even when there is snow outside."

Betz helps run the campus greenhouse and is familiar with the operations of the house.

Every Thursday, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the facility is open to anyone with an interest in what the greenhouse has to offer. Those who can't visit can even schedule a private tour by contacting the biology department. In addition, the biology department has a virtual tour of the different rooms to allow students to learn more about some of the various plants that grow in each room.

The greenhouse, which is part of the biological sciences department, is located off of D Street and was established in 1981. The building is facilitated by Dr. Mary Poulson of the biology department and serves the university multiple purposes; not only does it allow biology students to study a variety of tropical and desert plant life, but it also provides research material for certain classes.

The building is divided into four different greenhouses that share a common glass roof, allowing sunlight to reach every inch of the room. Each room has its own watering schedules, specimen types, and climate controls. The tropical room offers an extremely warm and humid sensation, filled with the bright yellow and red flowers of the papyrus plants. White and maroon petals of the blossoming banana trees hang down throughout the second tropical room where the dense green foliage surrounds the pathway.

The research room provides plants such as corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, wheat and sunflowers for research in various biology classes. Cacti can even be found in the desert room where plants require a dry, warm environment to thrive. Some of the plants require such a dry climate that they only need to be watered a few times a year. The varying environments allow for the plant life that grows in each room to be very different.

The first tropical room primarily consists of soil-based plants, which are watered from above by an automated misting system. In this room you can find Mexican breadfruit, papyrus, and bird of paradise. The second tropical room houses a variety of orchids, begonias, and banana trees. Unlike the plants in the first tropical room, many of the species in this room don't require soil to grow.

"The greenhouse facility houses plants found all over the world, from Asian jungles to the dry deserts of Africa," Betz said.

The greenhouse also provides student employment opportunities; there are two part-time positions available to students. Presten Foster, junior geography major, has worked in the greenhouse since Fall 2009.

"It's important for us to appreciate the plants, and everything they can be used for," Foster said. "Many of these plants can be used for medicinal and research purposes, as well as food."

Along with general maintenance of the greenhouse, Foster helps with tours of the facility.

"We've given tours to students, boy scouts and senior citizens," Foster said. "Just recently there was a group of senior citizens that were trying to find the butterfly sanctuary, but they got lost and found the greenhouse instead, so we gave them a tour. It felt great seeing each one of them leave with a smile on their face."

The facility also allows biology students to use the greenhouse for certain classes. For example, in BIOL 496, students are able to use the resources the greenhouse provides for their independent study projects. In addition, the research room provides many of the plants that are used in certain biology and botany classes here at Central.

Central's greenhouse is an important part of the biology department for many reasons. It allows biology students to receive hands-on experience working in a controlled climate, provides research material for biology classes, and allows students to explore plant life that can't be found in this region. The Biology Department invites students to visit Thursdays between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to check out the campus greenhouse off of D Street.



NINA KANARSKAYA

**TOP** The campus greenhouse is host to the Brugmansia, which was acquired only last year and is now a large fixture in the tropical room. The Brugmansia is currently in bloom, an exciting event for the staff and visitors. **BOTTOM** Jonathan Betz, instructional and classroom support technician, cares for the plants in the greenhouse.

## Charity fair educates on donation

BY ALEX PYNSKY  
Senior Reporter

Central Washington University kicked off its annual Combined Fund Drive last Wednesday, Oct. 6 with a charity fair held in the Student Union and Recreation Center main hallway.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the charity fair participants were given the chance to talk with local charities and other non-profit organizations to find out about ways they can donate. Those who decided to donate qualified themselves to receive a variety of prizes. These prizes ranged from sweatshirts provided by the Wildcat Shop to Chimposium tickets, and even gift certificates to local restaurants. The theme of this year's campaign fund is "Make a World of Difference—Locally."

"Part of what we are doing is trying to establish a spirit of giving," said Karla Shugart, chairman of

the 2010 Combined Fund Drive campaign planning committee. "I think giving locally helps establish that spirit because people can see the impact of their charitable contribution."

According to Shugart, the last charity fair held by the campaign fund was in 2007. She says that the 2010 fair was much more successful in terms of visibility and dollars raised. At the end of the day the charity fair raised \$767.90, combining what was gathered in the fair's penny jar with what three donors donated via payroll deduction in 2011.

Although they did not keep track of how many participants came to the fair, Shugart estimated they saw about 115 people come and talk to local charities. The annual campaign is ongoing through Nov. 19 and while the theme this year is locally driven the campaign gives contributors the chance to donate locally, regionally, nationally and even internationally.



# Meal plan options draw mixed reactions

BY NICOLE SWAPP  
Staff Reporter

There are just over 1,600 freshmen enrolled at Central Washington University this fall. Unlike most universities in Washington, Central requires all freshmen (and upperclassmen living on campus) to have a meal plan through the school.

There are six different meal plans that Central offers, all different in price. Students living in the residence halls can select a plan ranging from the freedom plan to the athletic.

Students receive a better discount by choosing the large or athletic plan because they are allowed to add money throughout the quarter without any extra overhead cost taken out.

“We take 65 percent out [of each meal plan] to pay for the labor cost of cooks, chefs, preparers and all the other positions,” said Bill Vertrees, vice president of business and financial affairs.

Central offers a 65 percent discount to students at the Central Market Place and Holmes Dining Room. In the big picture, students are only paying for the cost of food. At the Market Place and coffee stands, however, the discount is not as great. Students only receive a 35 percent discount at coffee stands and the a 10 percent discount at the C-Store.

According to Vertrees, Holmes Dining Room and Central Market Place are considered a necessity.

“We consider the C-Store and coffee stands as discrepancy,” Vertrees said.

According to the Dining Services website, the greatest discounts are given to the places that need it the most.

“The idea is to keep the meals at a regular cost,” Vertrees said. “The C-Store and coffee stand help that.”

Derek Parsons, senior finance major, has been researching the meal plans for a few years.

“An athletic meal plan would cost just over \$210 a week for the 10-week period,” Parsons said. “According to the [U.S. Department of Agriculture], in January of this year, average families of four, who eat relatively high quality food, pay \$220 a week.”

Students who choose a large or athletic meal plan are allowed to add money throughout the year, which will not come out in the overhead cost, said Steve Rittereiser, assistant vice president of business auxiliaries and public safety.

The freedom, small and medium plans also allow students to add money to their meal plans but they will not receive the 65 percent discount. Dan Layman, food



PATRICK CLARK

**GETTING IT TO GO** Robert Taylor, sophomore engineering major, purchases snacks from Kirra Stewart, senior exercise science major, at the C-Store in the Student Union and Recreation Center.

service director, explained that students do receive an additional five percent discount and don't have to pay sales tax.

Vertrees said the C-Store is here because of convenience and the students wanted it.

“We could go into a 7-11 and buy a [single] water for \$1.59, we could also go to Safeway and get a case for \$5.99,” Rittereiser said. “We go [to 7-11] because it's convenient.”

According to Parsons, the discounts at the C-Store and coffee stands are not nearly as significant as the discount given at Holmes Dining Room and Central Market.

“If a meal plan holder spends \$5 a day in the C-Store [on those two items], they would spend about \$910 a quarter,” Parsons said. “If the same student bought the same items with cash, they would spend about \$350; a savings of \$560 in 10 weeks.”

Layman said the reason the discount isn't as great at the C-Store is because items would have to be marked up the extra 65 percent so connection card users would only be paying the cost.

“If a can of soda is only a dollar, we would have to mark it up to \$3 for students to get the discount, which would hurt students who pay with cash,” Layman said.

Dining Services revisits this model of meal plans yearly and have discovered it's the best for the school right now.

“We bring this up annually as a business model,” Vertrees said. “So far, it's working.”

Rittereiser added that there is also a dining committee created to receive any feedback or recommendations about the dining plan.

“We have received very little complaints from parents. In fact, we've received praise on how it works,” Rittereiser said.

## CWU seeks permanent VP of Bus. and Financial Affairs

### University invites four candidates to public forums, including interim VP Bill Vertrees

BY ALEX PYNSKY  
Senior Reporter

Bill Vertrees, interim vice president of business and financial affairs, knew his job was temporary when former Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre selected him in January of 2008. It wasn't a surprise President James Gaudino announced it was time to search for a permanent candidate for the position.

According to Vertrees, it is typical in higher education for these searches to occur when a new university president is hired. Gaudino wanted to wait until the 2010 school year to go ahead with the search, because he needed to learn a little bit more about Central and the condition the university was in before making such a big decision.

The search for the new vice president began with a committee formed by the president's cabinet to help with the recruiting and screening process. According to Sherer Holter, Gaudino's chief of staff and search committee member, a pool of 48 candidates was filtered down to four finalists including Vertrees.

The candidates were then invited to campus for a tour and further interview processes. After the committee interviews the candidates, Gaudino will personally conduct final interviews with the help of the committee feedback.



VERTREES

The university invited four finalists to campus, however, one of the candidate withdrew due to personal reasons.

The three applicants chosen by the committee are current Interim VP Bill Vertrees, associate director of administration for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, George Clark, and former Senior Associate VP for Finance and Business Services at the Miami University, Ohio, Adolph Haislar. Vertrees interviewed during the week of Oct. 3, while Clark and Haislar went through the process during the week of Oct. 10.

“As most people know, these searches are very expensive, but are a necessary cost for the university to move forward with,” said Wayne Quirk, provost and vice president for academic and student life.

While this type of search is a necessary cost, Gaudino pointed out that the university saved money by initially interviewing candidates via Skype messenger, as well as several phone interviews.

The candidate chosen will have a large hill to climb if they choose to accept the position. The duties of the VP of Business and Financial Affairs include tackling the budget crisis, heading the information technology and information services departments, directing the human and staff relations department, dining services and CWU Police Department along with being reported to by several other departments.

Gaudino said the state's contribution to Central's budget will continue to decrease in the future, which will almost turn the university into a “private-like” organization. The job for the new VP will be to create a new budgetary system that is more student-driven, because the state will not be able to fund the school as much as it used to.

Vertrees may seem like the obvious choice for the position, seeing that he is a current employee of Central, but this advantage can also be a disadvantage when looking at the situation from all the different angles.

“It hurts because I am held accountable for whatever shape the university is currently in,” Vertrees said. “We have gone from being this state-funded, tuition-assisted university to a tuition-funded, state-assisted university — and that whole flip is meant that our business practices were designed for one business model and now they have become a second business model, which we were not ready for.”

Gaudino said that all three candidates have an equal opportunity for the job. He wants whoever receives the job to have a clean slate to work from. While Vertrees knows the system and how the current business plan is developing, this could also be a negative. Gaudino said that this could be a negative because an incumbent may not have as many new ideas to bring to the table.

By having two candidates from other universities come to campus, he believes that they could bring in some outside information that Central has not seen before.

Gaudino will meet with the other two candidates this week before he prepares to make his final decision on who is chosen for the position. As the search for a new VP of business and financial affairs ends, it will ultimately be Gaudino's decision to hire a permanent Provost and VP of Academic Affairs as Quirk's term as an interim in the position has come to an end.



# Roslyn party shocks CWU

## Although tragic, the university community needs to use the event as a learning process

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the revolution in news. Unfortunately, this manifested itself last weekend.

While attending an Investigate Reporters and Editors conference at the University of Oregon, one of our reporters handed me her phone with a friend's Facebook status on the screen.

I don't remember the exact wording, but the status was about the Roslyn party Saturday.

Of course I pulled out my BlackBerry, loaded CNN's app and read the story. I was at a loss for words.

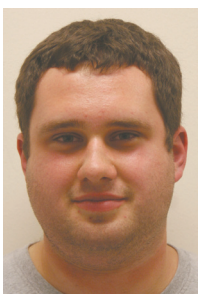
My first thought was obvious: Why? Why would this happen?

The next thought went back to childhood. Our parents always told us to not talk to strangers.

This might not work so well for college students looking to meet new people, but this doesn't mean you shouldn't use common sense.

There are some simple things to remember when you're attending any party. None of this information is from any source other than my own life experiences and anecdotal advice and is in no way a complete list. Plenty of additional information is available around campus and on the Internet about how to stay safe at parties.

- Don't go somewhere unfamiliar alone. It sounds simple, but it's easy not to.
- Always let someone know where you're going. Make sure this person will be available in case you're in a pinch or have too much to drink and can't drive home.
- Learn how to fend for yourself. Sure,



**ANTHONY JAMES**  
Editor-in-Chief

taking some self-defense classes is great, but know a way out. If a party turns south, have a friend available to get you home safe.

- Use common sense. If something seems off, assume it is.

The important thing to remember is that these years in college come once in a lifetime. I'd be lying if I said students don't drink at a party (including those under the age of 21), have a good time and make some mistakes along the way.

With this said, it would be a damn shame if Central Washington University didn't do anything more than talk with students in dorms and put out press releases.

Some would argue the victims made a poor decision, but I say the poor decision was made by the suspects who looked to take advantage of unknowing college students.

Additionally, the university has seemed to do everything they can to close off the free flow of information. Reporters from The Observer have made multiple contacts around campus looking for information

and we've been told almost always the same thing: Go through Public Affairs Director Linda Schactler or CWU Police Chief Steve Rittereiser.

Unfortunately, as of Monday evening when I'm writing this editorial, the university has publicly done little more than talk to selected reporters and close off communication channels.

Surely, the lack of good information could be to blame, but important statistics, such as the number of students hospitalized, has seemed to change on a daily basis.

The important thing is that we take this incident as a learning experience. Be aware of your surroundings, don't be afraid to call the police. It might save someone's life.

Be safe out there.

“ It would be a damn shame if Central Washington University didn't do anything more than talk with students in dorms and put out press releases. ”

# Dear instructors: Students don't care about your degrees

## Professors need to spend more time teaching and less time acting superior to students

Attention all Central instructors: Students need your help, not your degrees

Eyes closed, clear mind and relaxed state. Now imagine a classroom full of students listening to an instructor fully engage in their discussion. Now, open your eyes.

Ever have that teacher that tells you why they went into teaching? The one that just wants to make a difference in the world, that's why they choose to teach. We've all had that one – the one who inspires us the most. It would only be natural to then have the complete polar opposite. Yes, that rude teacher that seems like they hate what they do.

I have been in Ellensburg for exactly three weeks and four days. It's taken me that short amount of time to realize the negative attitude Central instructors carry – the attitude of “I am better than you, I have a Ph.D.” Honestly, maybe one out of



**NICOLE SWAPP**  
Staff Reporter

every 100 students really cares – maybe.

A good friend of mine has a math class every day at 2 p.m. She isn't always excited to go to math, but she puts on a good smile and attends anyway – because she cares. Now her math instructor, on the other hand, doesn't seem to carry that great attitude along. The second week of classes I was sitting outside her classroom waiting for it to be over. I noticed that within 15 minutes of the class starting, two students walked out in some disgust.

Later in the car ride home, I asked my friend what had actually happened; I'm curious to know why two students stormed out of the room. I was told that her teacher told these students that they would not be passing the class because they didn't do well enough on their course entry exams. Without giving them a second chance or letting them know what they could be working on, they were told not to come back to class anymore.

Sounds horrible. This teacher also did not call these students into an office, no. This teacher told these students in front of the class – in front of everyone there.

Some teachers here walk around like they are gods. They think, “Well hey,

# Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Lindsay Wheadon for her article regarding the bailout of the Athletics Department (“It was time to either invest and commit to athletics...or cut programs,” Issue 2, Oct. 7-13). It reminds me of the federal government bailing out AIG. Here, though, it is local and it is hurting university employees, while giving money to a program that obviously isn't capable of working within its annual allocation. Last spring, a student interviewed for The Observer recommended eliminating sports until athletics could stay within their budget. Good idea.

It just makes me feel warm and fuzzy all over to know that the budget cut that I received this fiscal year, which will be approximately \$1,483, may be assisting the Athletics Department to continue its inadequate management of its budget. Since the days of one of our former basketball coaches being audited and found guilty of using athletics' funds to bail players out of jail, there is no control of athletics' budgets.

If any academic programs came to the end of the fiscal year with a deficit balance like athletics, heads would roll! Will the remaining balances of academic departments' 2009-10 budgets help fund athletics, too?

As stated in the article, “Other universities, including Western Washington University, have eliminated sports to help meet the state-mandated budget cuts.” It is time we follow their lead. According to the Encarta Dictionary, “university” means, “An education institution for higher learning that includes an undergraduate college and graduate schools in various disciplines” The English/Spanish dictionary states that university is an “institution where people study for degrees and do research.” Nowhere in these documents is athletics equated with ‘university.’ Ask students how they feel about part of their tuition supporting athletics. It is too bad that Central seems to value the athletics programs more than it values or respects its employees.

**Noella Wyatt**  
Vice President, Public School Employees (PSE)

In response to Malik Olanrewaju's editorial “How about you earn my money?” (Issue 2, Oct. 7-13), I would like to say how about you consider the rest of the student body who voted to keep the Athletic Department. Not only that, the suggestion to cut football is based on the fact that he doesn't like it and it doesn't bring in any money. I would like to challenge Olanrewaju to consider the purpose of athletics. Athletic programs bring us new students and they increase the enjoyment/satisfaction of current students. The goal isn't to make money on athletics. So why should that be a factor in cutting it?

Furthermore, in the article Olanrewaju singled out football when complaining about the athletic fee. The athletic department consists of more than just football! It includes volleyball, cheer, dance and others. Suggesting you get rid of football for MMA is the equivalent of suggesting the elimination of tutors in writing and only having math because you don't need help with your writing. I'm not opposed to introducing MMA but suggesting that it is superior to football and everyone should pay for your sport but you don't want to pay for theirs is so biased.

Oh and please don't reduce the fans of CWU football to bored friends of the team. Their fans are just as diverse as the campus community.

**Apryl Yearout**  
Psychology and anthropology Majors

## Dear Readers,

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since I work at a university I have all power.” Now let me say this and say this very clear. I do not mean every teacher that has ever taught at Central. There are good souls that do love teaching and want to help students. I simply say that there are some who take the university status for granted.

It would be a simple conclusion to say that students come to school for one reason, and one reason only – to learn. But we know that's not always true. The same is said for instructors – You would think they are here because they love to teach.

I would like to see more of that. Not the fear that you may lose your job, as any person feels that at one point or another. I would like to see you give students the attention they deserve. Just because we are at a university doesn't mean we know everything. We need help, we need your experience – not for you to just throw it in our face.

Dan Rather once said, “The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called ‘truth.’ ”

This is what we need to see more of.

## Corrections

– In a story titled “CWU prof involved in altercation” (Issue 1, Sept. 30-Oct. 6), political science professor Matthew Manweller was listed as being arrested for disorderly conduct.

According to the Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office, Manweller was not charged with disorderly conduct or any charge.

– Under the cartoon on the opinion page (Issue 2, Oct. 7-13), the quote from CWU President James Gaudino should have read, “I think that we never had an adequate budget... we found some money to offset the accumulated deficit.”



People on the Street:

BY MARC TRATAR  
Staff Reporter

Out of the five beers, which is your favorite and why?



**Favorite beer: Spaten UR-Marzen**  
*“It’s a crisp beer without the bite.”*

Alexia Marchesi  
Baker at Yellow Church Cafe



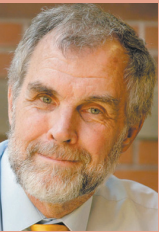
**Favorite beer: Spaten UR-Marzen**  
*“It’s not too heavy - I prefer lighter beers you can slam.”*

Mario Marchesi  
39, Painter



**Favorite beer: Ayinger Oktoberfest-Marzen**  
*“Crisp, with no real after taste and not real hoppy - light and smooth. I would drink more than just one.”*

Dennis Defa  
Assistant VP for HR, CWU



**Favorite beer: Sierra Nevada Tumbler**  
*“Balanced really well with the hops.”*

John Hudelson  
Assistant professor, Global Wine Studies, CWU



**Favorite beer: Ayinger Oktoberfest-Marzen**  
*“For someone that does not like a craft beer, the Ayinger would be a good beer to change your mind. If you need some creativity in your study time, have a few Ayingers.”*

Jacob Perrotti  
Senior Business management major

Oktoberfest at WineWorks



Authentic German-style beers enjoyed in celebration

BY MARC TRATAR  
Staff Reporter

The creek of the door at Ellensburg WineWorks opens to the sound of wine bottles being popped open and glasses clinking together. The sweet sound of the electric guitar fills the room as Matt Wollen, WineWorks’ general manager, tells the history of each beer being poured into glasses in celebration of the 200-year tradition of Oktoberfest. Groups gather around the small counter where the five featured beers are being poured, each with its own taste, style and origin. Wollen explains to the tasting patrons what they should experience in their beer-drinking endeavors, as well as the histories

of their drinks. For Wollen, German by blood, Oktoberfest and the fall months are his favorite because “people think beer this time of year.” This is the fourth year Oktoberfest has been held at Ellensburg WineWorks since Wollen and his wife, Susan, arrived and started this annual event. The Spaten UR-Marzen and Paulaner Oktoberfest Marzen beers poured at WineWorks are both authentic German beers that have been featured in Munich’s Oktoberfest since the annual event’s inception. WineWorks also offers three other beers for Oktoberfest that Wollen feels represents the fall season: Ayinger Oktoberfest-Marzen, Snoqualmie Harvest Moon Fest Beer and Sierra Nevada Tumbler. “We enjoy the change of taste throughout the season,” Wollen said.



RACHEL PARISH

**TOP** Along with wine, Ellensburg WineWorks carries a variety of beers.  
**ABOVE** Ellensburg WineWorks general manager Matt Wollen shared his beer knowledge with patrons during their Oktoberfest celebration.

**SPATEN UR-MARZEN**

According to spatenusa.com, “Spaten Oktoberfest Beer is amber in color. This medium bodied beer has achieved its impeccable taste by balancing the roasted malt flavor with the perfect amount of hops. Having a rich textured palate with an underlying sweetness true to tradition.”

**PAULANER OKTOBERFEST MARZEN**

According to briansbelly.com, this beer is “very soft and smooth with a decidedly nutty light roast edge on the malt. There’s just the barest hint of hop flavor as the beer crosses my tongue, although there’s a definite dryness to the finish with a bit of light pepperiness to the hops.”

**AYINGER OKTOBERFEST MARZEN**

According to merchantduvin.com, the Ayinger beer is described as “rich, golden color. Slightly sweet, malty nose. Medium to big body and alcohol. Soft dryness from long maturation.”

**SNOQUALMIE HARVEST MOON**

According to seattlealehouses.com, “this Oktoberfest beer is reddish orange in color, medium bodied in character with a mellow malt aroma and flavor. An excellent German style Festbier.”

**SIERRA NEVADA TUMBLER**

According to sierranevada.com, they “use malt within days of roasting at the peak of its flavor to give Tumbler a gracefully smooth malt character.”



# Hip hop rocked this town

Omikron raps Raw Space, invigorates raucous crowd



COURTESY OF OMIKRON

**WE ARE TOLD SILENCE IS GOLDEN** Local musician Omikron rapped last Friday at Raw Space.

**BY SOPHIA WORGAN**  
Staff Reporter

Omikron stands alone on the stage, head down, bobbing along. Pulling the mic up to his mouth and spouting his rap, he lets his hand roll along emphasizing each word he uttered last Friday at Raw Space.

The crowd's jumping with the beat as the wave of bodies crashing with the rhythm playing out over the heads of fans. The wide array of fans group near the stage, crowding against one another.

Omikron credits a wide range of musicians and rappers for inspiration, including Trent Reznor from Nine Inch Nails (NIN). He hopes that, like NIN, his raps, which are not about the usual topics of partying and money, garner emotional responses from his fans.

"I always respected how [Reznor]

"My favorite thing about performing is the energy. There's no drug that can touch that."

**OMIKRON**  
Rapper

expressed his pain and emotion in his music, and I aim to be able to touch people and share my story as well as he does," Omikron said. "Music today, especially hip-hop, is filled with mindless fluff, really, and it's unfortunate."

While some of the raps he showcased were more serious, he also showed a fun, party-style kind of rap that got the crowd bouncing around.

As Omikron shouted "Hip," the audience screamed "Hop."

"It was fun they had high energy. It was an interesting change from the usual Raw Space music," said Kaleigh Day, senior environmental science major.

Omikron used music as an escape from his troubled childhood in New

Jersey. His raps created an avenue through which he could express himself.

Omikron hopes that bringing diverse musicians to perform in Ellensburg will help expose kids around town to music other than rock and country.

"Ellensburg has such a small country-town mentality," Omikron said. "There definitely is a good demand for hip-hop from the youth."

As the youth rolled with the punches on the dance floor, the people drinking next door in Bertine's were even feeling the good vibes.

"I can feel the beat through the walls, even though I'm not there to catch the stage presence," said Jenna Cooley, senior graphic design major. "It sounds pretty legit."

As Omikron ended his set and the crowd took a breather from the mounting swells of the music, he bowed his head, taking in the buzzing energy.

"My favorite thing about performing is the energy," Omikron said. "There is no drug that can touch that."

## Hey! It's dark!

## Where's my telescope?

CWU's Astronomy Club hosts public observings

**BY CAMBREE BENETUA**  
Staff Reporter

The cold Ellensburg wind has never stopped the Central Washington University Astronomy Club members from stargazing atop Lind Hall. They will stand out there any night they have the opportunity and a telescope at hand. According to their advisor and professor of physics and science education, Bruce Palmquist, a recent example was last Saturday when roughly 30 people showed up at 3 a.m. for an observation.

"We set up telescopes and a NASA TV feed to watch the LCROSS satellite and rocket crash into the moon so NASA could study the dust and rocks that were ejected," Palmquist said. "It was not cold but it sure was early."

Although they are not as well-known as other clubs on campus, the club strives to help the community and educate others about the night sky. They also hope to launch a public outreach program.

President and senior physics major Felicity Fredsti hopes to get this program involved with the Civic Engagement Center so the club members are able to register community service hours after hosting informational sessions and observations open to the community.

The club has their informational talks about the night sky and explores interesting things happening in outer space while in Lind Hall 215. Then they take the steep winding stairs to the roof to use the many telescopes the department has.

"We have access to five main telescopes: a telescope with a 30 cm mirror in the observatory on the roof of Lind Hall and four portable ones ranging in size from 10 to 20 cm," Palmquist said.

Although always dependent on clear skies, the astronomy club typically holds observations on Mondays when they have multiple telescopes available for use. They are open to anyone.

"There's questions people have out there that don't really get answered. That's why we're here," Fredsti said.

"If you are interested in astronomy, no matter what your knowledge of the sky is, come to the public nights to get a better understanding and knowledge of the night sky," said Vice President Colby Neal, junior physics major.

**NEXT PUBLIC  
OBSERVING  
NIGHT...**

**7:15 p.m.  
Monday  
November 1  
Lind Hall 215**



COURTESY OF THE FUN POLICE

**BY REDA LEE**  
Staff Reporter

The Fun Police is a band that is all about combining music and fun. Ellensburg had its chance to listen to them play at Grant's Pizza last Saturday.

The band was on their way back from Spokane and decided to stop in Ellensburg for a performance before they headed back to their hometown of Tacoma.

The band members of the Fun Police include Special Agent Sam, Ranger Ruffhousen, Sergeant Snake, Brigadier B-Ski, Deputy D., Veteran

## The Fun Police put out an arresting sound

Punk indie-rock saved Monk's soul

Van Wagoner and Major Monk.

"We like to do a lot of trespassing, bridge jumping and dumpster diving," Ranger Ruffhousen said. "We don't like to have people tell us what to do." That was one of many reasons they named themselves The Fun Police.

The Fun Police's music falls into a variety of categories. They consider their music to be Americana, traditional, punk, reggae, country, folk, and experimental.

"It gets rendered into a punk indie rock," said Major Monk. Their music is inspired by anything and everything in life.

"Life itself is an inspiration," Ruffhousen said.

The band members rely on their creativity in being able to create music and perform in front of an audience.

Their goal is to be able to enter-

tain an audience in fun and inventive ways.

Like many other bands, The Fun Police have passion for music. They also have the talent and the skill to deliver a fresh sound.

"Music saved my soul," Major Monk said.

Besides being a group of fun individuals who enjoy and love playing music, they also have jobs outside of the music industry.

Their roles outside of the band include being a Spanish-English interpreter, a bartender, a construction worker, an English teacher, a cook, and a fourth grade teacher.

"I thought they were talented musicians and great entertainers," said Kathy Grant, owner of Grant's Pizza Place. "I would recommend anyone to go and watch them."

## 6th annual Gender Symposium today

Events focus on national & global gender politics

**BY JANAYE BIRKLAND**  
Staff Reporter

Partnerships between academics and gender are highly honored at Central Washington University. The Center for Student Empowerment is hosting their 6th Annual Gender Symposium, which focuses on the relationships between gender and global politics.

This convention is designed to provide a better understanding of global gender issues through different speakers and topics.

Amanda Lock Swarr, assistant professor of women's studies at the University of Washington, spoke yesterday in the SURC Theatre about transnational feminism in theory and practice. The forum continues today with five more events.

Cynthia Coe, associate professor of philosophy and director of women's studies, who will be giving a presentation today at 1 p.m. in the Mary Grupe Center, encourages individuals to educate themselves about these national and global issues and focus on solutions for gender equality.

"What do we mean when we say women are equal? We will figure out where the vision of equality is tripped up nationally and globally and where the struggle will go," Coe said. "We are not just focusing on the issues, but solutions for the problems."

### Events for Thursday, October 13

- **Contemporary Issues in Global Women's Rights**  
11 a.m. in the Mary Grupe Conference Center
- **Student Research Panel: Gender and Poverty in India**  
noon in the Mary Grupe Conference Center
- **Race and Gender in the History of Human Rights**  
1 p.m. in the Mary Grupe Conference Center
- **Born into Brothels - A Documentary**  
7 p.m. in Hebel Hall 121
- **Women's Empowerment and Social Roles**  
10 p.m. in the Mary Grupe Conference Center

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# Indian dancers inspire, soothe Central students

## Jayanthi Raman’s “Shrishti: Creation” draws full house

BY KELSEE DODSON-CARTER  
Staff Reporter

The room went dark as a soothing Indian voice filled the room, introducing the first scene of the dance, “Shivam: Space and Time.” The curtains opened to reveal three silhouettes, behind them a smooth backdrop lit by a cool and calming blue light.

McConnell Auditorium was packed last Thursday night when Jayanthi Raman Dance Company performed “Shirшти: Creation,” a musical ballet of India.

“It’s really hypnotic, like it’s putting me in a trance,” said Lynne McCowin, Central alumna. “I’ll probably sleep really well tonight.”

A collaboration of six dancers made up this performance, along with a drummer, vocalist and flute player. Their facial expressions brought emotion to the stage without the performers saying a word.

The dance is “pretty fantastic, the hand motions are beautiful,” said audience member Marie Smith.

All of this combined made the energy in the room just that more powerful.

“Very subtle things throughout their dance [had] a big impact,” Smith said.

The rhythm and the beat of the music are elements that boldly stood out, creating an intensity about the performance. At one point, two of the dancers were even drumming harmoniously.

The orange and white costumes complemented the calm orange backdrop. It was like the two were dancing to wherever the beat was taking them.

“Shrishti: Creation” allowed the audience to capture an accurate portrayal of the story line through the dancing, lighting, costumes, music and experi-

ence of an authentic piece of Indian culture.

Jayanthi Raman choreographed the performance as well as danced as a central figure.

According to Raman, she was trained in classical Indian dance as a child. She said that she has no memory of not dancing because to her it was like walking and has become a regular part of her life.

“I don’t think it’s separated from anything, it’s just there, it’s a given like gravity,” Raman said.

Raman explained that there are four concepts of dance: telling the story, the way the dancers use their bodies to tell the story, the costumes and the lyrics of the music.

Raman wants the audience to be happy and to leave with some intensity of a message.

“They should be thinking about it, not just enjoy[ing] the performance, but they should go home with a message,” Raman said.

She views her performances as spiritual and very much from her heart and soul.

The inspiration behind Raman’s choreography comes from two things and two things only.

“God and music,” Raman said.

Raman said that she enjoys multiple genres of music. She is a fan of country music and artists like Garth Brooks. She also loves hip-hop, reggae and rap.

“I do love it, because the beat has a story and the rhythm has a story and I love the story,” Raman said. “There is a story behind everything.”

“I do love it, because the beat has a story and the rhythm has a story.”

LYNNE MCCOWIN  
Central Alumna

For more information about Jayanthi Raman visit:  
[www.jayanthiraman.com](http://www.jayanthiraman.com)



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**TOP** Scene from Krishna Bhakti dance ballet 2006.  
**ABOVE** Scene from Gajamukha 2004 dance ballet.



NICHOLE WILLIAMSON

**COMEDY NIGHT** Steven “Spanky” McFarlin gave a stand up comedy performance last Friday, during which he shared his message of unity.

“I think God wants us to have lots of orgasms... he likes it when we scream his name.”

Steven “Spanky” McFarlin  
Comedian

# “Men are Sluts” at Central

## Comedy Night brought Steven “Spanky” McFarlin to campus

BY NICHOLE WILLIAMSON  
Staff Reporter

Laughter filled the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom last Friday night as Steven “Spanky” McFarlin gave a heartfelt comedy performance, “Men are Sluts,” which addressed universal human acceptance.

McFarlin, who shares the same name as a “Little Rascals” character, received his nickname “Spanky” from his third grade teacher.

“I don’t expect everyone to agree with what I say tonight,” McFarlin said.

Although he says he is not a political comic, McFarlin hopes to help break down the divisions within societies.

“He was basically trying to get people to get along with each other no matter what they believe,” said Breanna Barker, freshman undeclared.

McFarlin believes that many put too much emphasis on dividing people with labels connected to race, religion, creed and sexual orientation instead of focusing on unity.

“Love each other ... it doesn’t matter,” McFarlin said. “Good and bad come in all colors.”

McFarlin believes in using comedy as a way to promote change.

“If I can get past the gatekeepers of their hearts and minds, I can plant the seeds of thought,” McFarlin said. “I can reach one person a week and make them question, make them seek.”

McFarlin got into stand-up comedy after doing some comedy writing and getting jealous watching the people he was writing jokes for get big laughs.

His first few open mic nights were “definitely nerve wracking.”

Performing has gotten McFarlin through difficult times, including deaths in his family, he said.

“It’s a very addicting feeling to be up there, bathed in laughter and light,” McFarlin said. “My happiest times are on stage.”

McFarlin has been awarded several titles within his profession: “The Funniest Man in Texas,” “Campus Performer of the Year” and “Comedian of the Year” twice.

McFarlin has performed at over 900 college campuses and universities and 23 countries around the world. He has even performed for troops overseas, bringing them “a little slice of home.”

“I appreciate what they are doing,” McFarlin said.

He finds performances for deployed troops to be some of the most rewarding, because of the “relief they get at being able to laugh again,” McFarlin said.

“These guys are making these sacrifices daily,” McFarlin said. “I don’t always support the war but I always support the troops.”

Switching between the campus and club scene, McFarlin travels 40 weeks a year.

“I really enjoy travel ... and the cultural experience,” McFarlin said.

He admits to being a little “road weary” though, having been home only five days out of the last 70.

“If I go a week or two not being on stage, I definitely start climbing the walls,” McFarlin said.

McFarlin said the key to being a good comic is consistency and the ability to appeal to varying demographics. He is influenced by small off-beat acts and his favorite comedian, Bill Hicks.

“All the world is a play ... I think it’s a comedy,” McFarlin said. “Funny’s funny across the board.”



# Comedy production hits home run at Central

## Review: “Rounding Third” steals the hearts of reviewers, theatre attendees

The 2004 comedy “Rounding Third” was performed Oct. 8 at Central Washington University. Written by Richard Dresser, this sparkling comedy is a look at our culture’s obsession with winning — both on the field and at work — the permutations of the modern family and the true meaning of friendship.

This extraordinary production was a treat for audiences and my only regret was that it wasn’t run longer.

Nevertheless, every two or three years the theatre faculty at Central performs to the delight of audiences lucky enough to see them.

Normally seen acting in national and regional productions, Michael J. Smith and Keith Edie amused and enraptured with their turns as Coach Don and Coach Michael, respectively. As polar opposites, Don and Michael struggle to lead and teach their little leaguers as well as their own children.

Performed in a thrust stage, each scene intimately captures their skirmishes, which ultimately culminate in their mutually earned respect.

In a classic role reversal, Don and Michael meet in the park after Don has quit being coach and handed the reins to Michael.

Both Smith and Edie play the moment-to-moment changes in the relationship as Don begins to see the importance of life beyond the game and Michael tastes the intoxication of victory on the playing field.

Directed by Elise Forier Edie, the play’s rhythm glides and swirls with each quick-witted barb tossed by Don and Michael, as scenes effortlessly segue and build one on top of the other.

The scenery, consisting of fences, benches and a painted baseball diamond, evoked any ballpark in America. The lighting at the start of the show, with its green luminescent, circular design, evoked a pitching mound.

All the elements were consistent with the themes of “Rounding Third,” beginning with the drive to succeed and what that definition is.

When Michael begs for God’s assistance as a fly ball nears his son’s area



BY GIANCARLO GONZALEZ  
Theatre Critic



in the championship game, it shows the heart and soul of the piece, an intertwining of winning, family and the helplessness one feels at the randomness of our culturally defined victory.

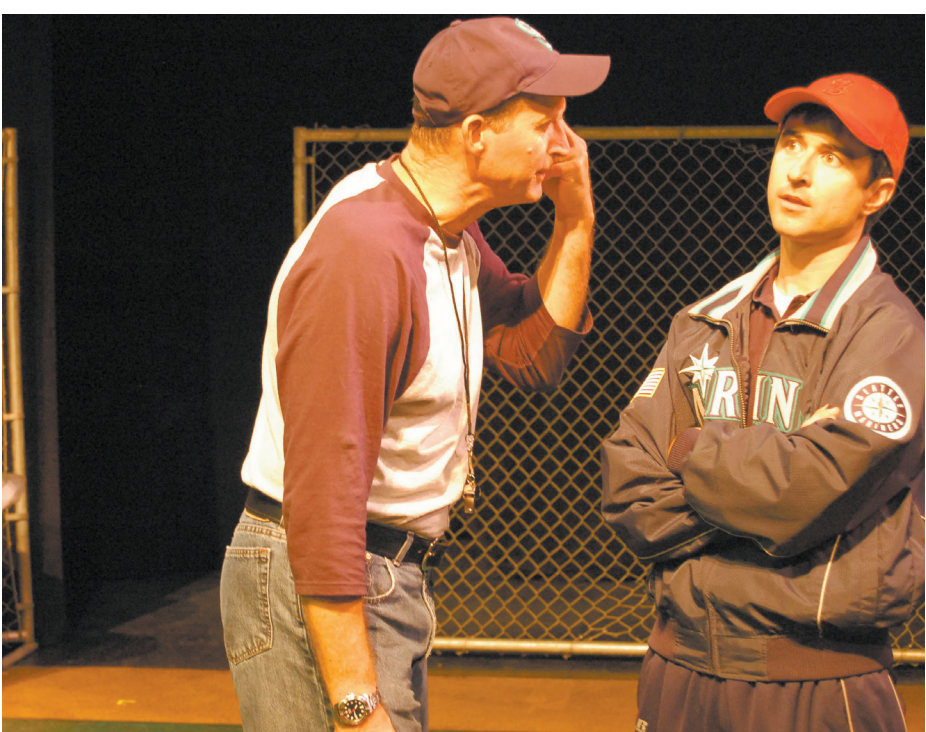
The title of the play is taken from that moment when the greatest expectation of victory is upon them; as one players rounding third, on his way to scoring the winning run, he trips on the shoelaces that he has been reminded to tie throughout the play but will now presumably haunt him because they’ve cost them the title.

Rather than dwell on this dark moment, Coach Mike fights through his tears and is there to remind him and the rest of the team that they did their best and that’s what matters most.

Viewers see the rules of the game changing from “winning is fun” to “play within yourself” in a deep, meaningful way.

Ironically, Mike and Don’s friendship is forged in spite of baseball, which serves as a reminder of how people receive blessings from unexpected places.

Sadly, this production has now passed into memory but hopefully the reader will make the short trip to their campus theatre and watch excellent and profound staging throughout the academic year.



GIANCARLO GONZALEZ

**TOP** Michael (Keith Edie) hanging on Don’s (Michael J. Smith) every word.

**BOTTOM** Don putting down Michael’s view on baseball.



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Five Minutes With...  
**Katrina Whitney**  
Director, Center  
for Student  
Empowerment

**BY JANAYE BIRKLAND**  
Staff Reporter

Katrina Whitney has been the senior director for the Center for Student Empowerment for 13 years. She is dedicated to creating educational opportunities outside the classroom regarding gender, non-traditional student and student families, as well as student veteran issues. She has helped organize the Gender Symposium

events taking place today.

**Q. How is the partnership between academics and gender politics honored at Central Washington University?**

A. Women’s Studies and the Center for Student Empowerment support inclusivity and provide students with multi dimensional options.

**Q. How do the topics presented at the Gender Symposium relate to all cultures?**

A. They give a broader perspective on different parts of the world. Often times, when growing up in the United States, we are not exposed to what goes on in other areas. The topics will provide a greater knowledge.

**Q. When organizing this convention, what do you find to be the most rewarding?**

A. The ability to give a platform for individuals to share research, expertise, and thoughts regarding gender issues through theory, literature and experience.

**Q. How does the Center for Student Empowerment decide on speakers for the event?**

A. This event has a wonderful partnership with Women’s Studies. The center calls out to others for research, thoughts and integral relationships regarding the event.

**Q. Since this is an annual event, what is done differently each year to engage students?**

A. This year the direct link to Women’s Studies has been successful. Professors have been spreading the word and tying in some extra credit for students that attend.

**Q. What do you hope students take away from this experience?**

A. An advanced knowledge of various subject matters related to women and the ability to think about women’s issues in a global perspective.

### The Scoop

**Thursday 14**  
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**Monday 18**  
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Series: Jess  
Walter  
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Music Building  
Recital Hall  
FREE

**Tuesday 19**  
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Central Talent  
Contest  
7 p.m.  
SURC Ballroom  
FREE

# Ask Tina Sparkle!



## The advice column where students write in and this drag queen tells it like it is

Dear Ms. Sparkle,  
I heard about the party in Roslyn and I’m concerned that my safety may be at risk when I attend parties. What can I do to protect myself from a situation like that?  
~Concerned Partier

the floor, and you’re going to wake up saying, “What happened?” You didn’t listen to Tina is what happened.

3.) The Buddy System: a clever thing that some girls decide to name their groups. Lol. But hey, it works and it keeps us out of trouble and gets us home. You always let the buddies in your group know where you are going, if they don’t come with you. But if they come with you, all the BETTER. (Just don’t leave your drinks at the table, take them with you \*\*see number 2\*\*)

But here’s another trick to the Buddy System that most people don’t use, and it is vital to the existence of the Buddy System. Let someone who isn’t going out know where you are going to be, and what time you estimate to be leaving to the party/bars and coming back from the party/bars. And text or call them each time. A true buddy would be more than willing to answer the phone to know you made it there and back OK, than to get a call from your parents asking if they

have seen you.

I really hope that everyone on campus has learned something from this tragic party. It wasn’t the partygoers’ faults, there was someone who spiked the alcohol. But nonetheless, they were partying underage, going to a friend of a friend of a friend’s house and they left their alcohol unattended.

Please party safe, drink smart, and ALWAYS know what is going on around you. I couldn’t stand to lose any of my lovely readers due to someone else’s heinous act.

Much love and care,

**Tina Sparkle**

Send Tina Sparkle your questions!

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# Are you ready for a battle?

## CWU vs. WOU

### Oct. 16, 2010 - 6 PM

#### Qwest Field



BRIANAN STANLEY

**PREPARE FOR BATTLE** Central Washington and Western Oregon's offensive and defensive lines engage after a snapped ball in last year's "Battle in Seattle." After trailing 21-0 at halftime, the Wildcats came back to win the game 23-21 after a last-minute field goal by senior kicker Garrett Rolsma. Central would go on to earn a No. 1 national ranking after an undefeated regular season for the first time in school history.

## Central prepares for second 'Battle in Seattle' against Western Oregon University

BY JON CLEVELAND  
Sr. Sports Reporter

This Saturday the Wildcat football team will travel to Qwest Field to play Western Oregon in the 8th annual Battle in Seattle.

Central leads the series against Western Oregon 27-16 all time and hopes to get another big win come Saturday.

Tickets start at \$15 and range up to \$35. Tickets can be bought online at Ticketmaster.com or through the Wildcat Shop. They will also be sold at Qwest Field.

The Wildcats are now 4-3 overall this season and 3-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). Central sits in second place in the GNAC tied with Western Oregon, who are also 3-1 and have an overall record of 4-2.

Players to watch on Saturday for CWU are freshman running back Levi Taylor, who led the team in all-pur-

pose yards on Saturday while filling in for an injured Bryson Kelly.

Another player to watch for is sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson, who has improved steadily, throwing for eight touchdowns and 1,326 passing yards.

On the defensive side of the ball for the Wildcats, look for freshman defensive back Stan Langlow to have a big game. Langlow has had four interceptions so far this season.

Last year's Battle was a real nail biter. Central was down by 21 points going into the third quarter, but the Wildcats battled back hard and scored 17 points in the third quarter, thanks to a 45-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Justin Helwege and a 100-yard interception for a touchdown by senior defensive back Jerome Williams to keep the Wildcats in the game.

With 32 seconds left in regulation, senior kicker Garrett Rolsma kicked a 44-yard field goal to win the game

for the Wildcats with a final score of 23-21.

Despite the quality of play, it's no secret that the Battle in Seattle brought in more fans when Central played Western Washington.

"We had a full rivalry with Western Washington," said Jack Bishop, director of athletics. "We hope that we have done enough with the exposure this year."

And while attendance was down in 2009 from previous years, only roughly 5,000 tickets need be sold for both schools to break even.

"Last year we had about 6,000 total," said Steve Wenger, Wildcat Shop Director. "I think an increase

from there would be good. It's a much different game from when we played Western in that I don't think it has the draw that the Western game did."

### 2010 BATTLE IN SEATTLE

Central Washington (3-1)

vs.

Western Oregon (3-1)

TICKET PRICES: \$15-35

TRANSPORTATION: \$17

LOCATION: Seattle, WA

DATE: SAT, Oct. 16 - 6 PM

**BATTLE IN SEATTLE  
CONTINUED ON P.13**



NICOLE JARVIS

**RAINY DAYS** Junior forward Amy Pate controls a pass from a Central teammate. The Lady Wildcats were outscored by a count of 1-8 combined in back-to-back games last week.

## Sloppy play sinks CWU soccer

### Central drops to fifth in GNAC standings

BY ANDREW HOGGARTH  
Staff Reporter

On a cold and rainy Saturday, the play on the field for the home team closely resembled the conditions of the field: sloppy.

The Central Washington Wildcats (3-7-1 overall and 3-4-0 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference) were unable to mount much offense against the visiting Falcons from Seattle Pacific University (7-1-2 overall, 5-1-1 GNAC), losing 5-1 to the number two team in the conference. The loss was the second

in a row for the Wildcats, who have only been able to muster one goal in their last two games. Previously they had won three straight games and were looking to turn their season around.

In the first half, the Wildcats gave up an early goal as Falcon defenseman Becca Woods headed in a pass from sophomore forward Kendall Thoreson off of a corner kick, making her first goal of the season and giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

The Wildcats answered back two minutes later as junior forward Brittany Franks put a shot on goal that the goalie was able to save. However, the goalkeeper was unable to clear the ball from the area and junior forward Amy Pate put the rebound

into the net for her second goal of the season.

Less than five minutes later, the Falcons capped the early scoring flurry by taking back the lead off of a free kick that was headed in by junior forward Brandi Hamre, with her back to the goal.

"When you look at the first half, the key for us is that we continue to give up poor goals," Head Coach Michael Farrand said. "The first one, off the corner kick, we didn't defend ... and the second one we misplayed. But I thought we did a good job of fighting back."

**RAINY WEEKEND  
CONTINUED ON P.15**



# Volleyball cools down, drops both matches in Alaska

## Lady Wildcats five-game win streak ended

BY JAKE ABBOTT  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Wildcats' five-game winning streak ended this weekend as they dropped two games in Alaska. Last Thursday, Central lost to Alaska Anchorage in four sets and again to Alaska Fairbanks on Saturday.

Coming into the game last Thursday, the Wildcats won 15 straight sets. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they were only able to win a single set during their trip to Alaska.

Alaska Anchorage beat Central in the four-set match 25-21, 25-18, 12-25, 25-22.

With their backs against the wall after losing the first two sets, Central was able to fight back and win the third set. With three lead changes, the Wildcats won the set 25-12.

Senior outside hitter Kady Try had 22 kills with a .190 hitting percentage. Try is leading the Wildcats in kills and points this season, averaging over five kills per set against Anchorage.

"We were lacking ball control on offense," Try said. "We are usually a team with great ball control. We were just taken out of our element."

This season, Try has a commanding presence on the court and is a leader by example.

"It's my senior year, I know the program and the coaches," Try said. "I just want to carry on the tradition and lead by example."

Saturday, the team fell to Alaska Fairbanks in three sets. Central



RACHEL PARISH

**PUT ON ICE** After winning five straight matches, Central drops back-to-back games in their trip to Alaska last weekend. The Wildcats are now 7-7 overall, and 5-4 in GNAC play.

seemed out of their element as the Nanooks outscored the Wildcats 25-19, 25-22 and 25-20.

Junior outside hitter Meg Ryan has been having very good performances on the court lately. Ryan ended the game with 11 kills and 12 digs for the Wildcats.

"We had things happen that don't usually happen," Ryan said. "It was uncharacteristic for our team."

Fairbanks was able to hold the Wildcats to a .053 hitting percentage and forced them to 25

total hitting errors.

Try produced 10 kills in the match and junior setter Carlee Marble had 30 assists. Senior libero Brandie Veal also had an impressive 15 digs on the night.

After a disappointing week in Alaska, the Wildcats headed back to the drawing board.

"This week we are going back to the basics," Try said. "We have been toning up the things we are good at."

Central will be facing Mon-

“ This week we are going back to the basics. We have been toning up the things we are good at. ”

**KADY TRY**  
Senior outside hitter

tana State Billings for their last home game of the month. The game is tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dean Nicholson Pavilion.

The Wildcats will also play Saturday at 2 p.m. against Seattle Pacific University. Previously this year, Central faced SPU and lost in four sets.

"SPU is a good team," Try said. "They have a very good offense, lots of options and good combinations."

Central is now 7-7 overall and 5-4 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. They are currently ranked fifth, trailing close behind Western Oregon University (6-3 in GNAC) and Alaska Anchorage (6-3 in GNAC).



BRIANAN STANLEY

**VICTORY!** The Central Washington football team holds up the trophy after claiming victory over Western Oregon in last year's "Battle in Seattle." It was the first game at Qwest Field against WOU, after Western Washington shut down its football program in 2009. This will be the second time Central Washington plays Western Oregon at the annual game in Seattle.

## BATTLE IN SEATTLE CONTINUED FROM P.12

Not only did the Battle in Seattle against Western Washington bring in more fans, it also brought in more revenue for the school. The Western Washington Battle in Seattle brought in nearly \$45,000 more dollars than last year's Battle.

"You would be netting around \$70,000" against Western Washington, Bishop said.

Despite the decreased attendance it is still a thrill for players.

"Just knowing that some NFL players play there is what any college football player looks forward to," said Marcus Ford, senior public relations major and former Wildcat football player. "We all have had that dream of playing in the NFL so once you step on the turf that NFL players step on, it's like a step closer."

Though Western Oregon has stepped up for the time being, it is not clear how much longer the Wildcats will have their current Battle opponent.

"We are evaluating right now who we will play in the future," Bishop said. "We would like to play someone outside of our conference schedule, so we don't have to give up a home game."

Those without a ride to the West side have the opportunity to purchase a round-trip ticket to the game for \$17.

"It's a great opportunity to see the Wildcats play in a different setting," Wenger said. "It's a fun atmosphere and a chance to go over to Seattle and make a weekend of it. It's a fun event for anyone to do."



# Wildcats dominate on both sides of the football

## Central shuts the door on Southern Oregon 27-0

BY **BRYCE HJALSETH**  
Staff Reporter

Wildcat sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson displayed career-high stats in a home victory, while the defense did their job shutting out the Southern Oregon Raiders.

The Central Washington University Wildcats improved their overall record to 4-3 with a win over the Raiders; both teams were coming off prior losses the week before, the Wildcats losing to Humboldt and Southern Oregon losing to Western Oregon. Head Coach Blaine Bennett felt much better about this win.

“We came together in all phases,” Bennett said. “Obviously penalties were a major concern, but all three phases, I thought played much better this week.”

While the Wildcats put up some of the best stats offensively and defensively for the year, they still had major penalty problems with 17 for 136 yards.

“You just can’t beat an opponent with the penalties we had today,” Bennett said. “We really need to make that change and eliminate penalties ... It’s things you can’t have at game seven.”

Robertson ended the day throwing 29-38 for a career high 322 yards and three touchdowns. Robertson’s previous career high was 256 yards.

“It was nice to see my guys making a lot of catches that maybe shouldn’t have been caught,” Robertson said. “It seemed like they caught everything I threw their way today, so I don’t think that’s necessarily on me, but a lot on our receivers, and our O-Line did a good job of picking up blitzes.”

The Wildcat defense had the best performance of the year, holding the Raiders to 112 yards total offense, with only 2 rushing yards. The Raiders were forced to punt on 10 out of 11 drives.

“Everyone was playing together and doing their job,” said senior linebacker Adam Bighill, who ended the day with five tackles, two for lost yards. “Even if you have 10 out of 11 guys doing their job, there still can be a play that is made. If you have 11 people doing their job, they aren’t going to go anywhere, kind of like today.”

Sophomore kicker Sean Davis kicked a 46-yard field goal on their first offensive drive of the game. After forcing the Raiders to punt, the Wildcats went nine plays for 44 yards, ending in an 8-yard touchdown completion to junior tight end Demetrius Guice, who also had a career day, catching seven receptions for 82 yards receiving. The Wildcats led the Raiders 10-0 going into the second quarter.

The next score would not come until 10 minutes into the second quarter. Robertson found freshman running back Levi Taylor wide open in the back of the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown completion. This was the first collegiate game for Taylor, who finished the day with six receptions for 62 yards receiving and 10 carries for 44 yards rushing.

“I feel good,” Taylor said. “I’m glad I came out here and did well and didn’t have too many mistakes. It was fun to finally get out on the field and see what it’s like to play college football.”

The 16-yard touchdown reception came on his first drive of the game.

“It was a regular wide route, the thing we have been running all day,” Taylor said. “I saw Ryan [Robertson] start to scramble, so I figured I would get behind



JOEY LEBEAU

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN** Junior tight end Demetrius Guice catches a pass between two Southern Oregon defenders last Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium. Guice finished with 7 catches for 82 yards and 1 touchdown on the day for the Wildcats.



JOEY LEBEAU

**DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE** Senior defensive lineman Eugene Germany sacks Southern Oregon’s quarterback for a loss. Germany finished with 3 tackles and 1 sack, helping lead Central to shut out Southern Oregon 27-0 last Saturday.

the defense a little bit. They all pressed up and I knew I was going to be open. When it was coming, I was just thinking, please don’t drop it. I knew nobody was around.”

The Wildcats were unable to get any more points until the end of the fourth quarter. With 3:58 left on the game clock, Robertson found senior wide receiver Jamal Weems in the end zone for a touchdown, making it the third touchdown comple-

tion by Robertson for the day.

“It was nice to get a little rhythm going,” Robertson said. “Our offense really clicks when we get in that rhythm. All of a sudden, the defense is off balance. They don’t know if we are running it or passing it. It makes it a lot easier.”

With 1:11 left on the game clock, Davis made a 27-yard field goal to make it a final score of 27-0.

The Wildcats travel to Seattle next week to face Western Oregon at the Battle in Qwest Field. The game starts at 6 p.m. at



KATHARINE LOTZE

**TRICK PLAY** Senior defensive back Loa Madon throws a pass after faking a punt on fourth down against SOU.

GNAC Football Standings				
School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Humboldt State	3	0	5	1
Western Oregon	3	1	4	2
<b>Central Washington</b>	3	1	4	3
Dixie State	1	4	1	5
Simon Fraser	0	4	1	5



RAINY WEEKEND  
CONTINUED FROM P.12

From there, the Wildcats controlled the ball well and out shot the Falcons for the rest of the half. The Falcons made the most of their opportunities, adding another goal before halftime. That goal came in the 34th minute on a long strike by sophomore forward Megan Lindsay about 30 yards out, giving the visiting squad a 3-1 lead heading into halftime.

“I thought we played good in the first half,” said sophomore defenseman Allie Washburn. “We just messed up some of the little things [which led to the goals], but overall we played pretty good.”

In the second half, the Wildcats began to fall apart. They struggled to control the ball and failed to register a shot on goal at all in the final period.

“We were connecting a lot in the middle third [of the field] and it was just the final third where we needed someone in there,” Pate said.

That someone Pate referred to may be sophomore midfielder Carson McKole. McKole leads the team in shots and shots on goal, but missed Saturday’s game with a back injury and according to Farrand, will be out indefinitely while she recovers.

“Carson is a great girl for us and I think between the trio of Carson, Pate and [junior Serena] Tomaso, we have three of the better forwards,” Farrand said. “When we don’t have her, it’s a little bit different.”

The Falcons, however, continued their aggressive play in the second half, getting four shots on goal, two of which found



NICOLE JARVIS

**BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES** Junior forward Amy Pate makes a move against an SPU defender. Central lost to the second place team in the GNAC conference, 5-1.

their way into the net. Both of those goals came from freshman forward Kellie Zakrzewski, which ran her goal total for the year to five with her strong performance.

The Wildcats will look to turn things around next week when they travel to Montana to take on Montana State Billings on Oct. 14. They will then return home, where they will face-off against Northwest Nazarene on Senior Day, Oct. 16.

GNAC Soccer Standings			
School	Conference		
	W	L	T
Western Washington	5	1	1
Seattle Pacific	5	1	1
MSU Billings	5	2	0
Simon Fraser	3	2	2
Central Washington	3	4	0
Northwest Nazarene	2	5	0
St. Martin's	2	5	0
Western Oregon	1	6	0

Cross Country cracks top 50 in San Fran and PLU Invationals



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELSEY KREFT

**MOVIN' ON UP** The women harriers get off to a great start, led by junior Kelsey Kreft and freshman Taylor Kartes, at the Emerald City Invitational two weeks ago. Cross Country was able to move into the top 50 at the San Francisco and PLU invationals last weekend.

**BY MATTHEW CARSTENS**  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Central Washington University cross-country team split up last week, sending seven athletes to compete in the San Francisco State Invitational, while three others raced at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational.

Down by the Golden Gate Bridge, junior Manuel Santos finished 19th in the eight-kilometer race with a time of 26 minutes and 19 seconds, leading the Wildcat men for the fourth straight week. Behind Santos was junior Ryan Eidsmoe in 32nd, older brother Tyler Eidsmoe in 38th, sophomore Jon Swanson behind him in 39th and senior Tom Johnson in 46th.

As for the lady Wildcats, senior Adriana Mendoza led the way, finishing 33rd with a

time of 23:54. Behind Mendoza two other Wildcats finished in the top 50. Freshman Taylor Kartes ran a 24:00 flat for 35th place and senior Berlyn Bales snuck in 30 seconds behind Kartes for 48th place.

Out of the 17 schools Central placed 9th in the women’s division and 5th in the men’s.

Central only ran three students in the PLU Invitational. Senior Jacob Calvin was the only male running for Central and placed 32nd in the 8K with at time of 29:19.

The two women representing Central were sophomores Sarah Flatebo and Adriana Zazula, who finished 41st and 42nd in the 6K with times of 27:53 and 28:03.

The next race on the schedule is the Western Washington University Invitational on Oct. 23.

5 minutes with...



**Lindsey Woodkey**

Senior Exercise & Nutrition Major

**BY LINDSY WHEADON**  
Asst. Scene Editor

Lindsey Woodkey is a senior exercise science and nutrition major at Central Washington University. Her education has played a major contribution in her current employment as a personal trainer at Anytime Fitness in Ellensburg, along with her participation in local and national fitness and swimsuit competitions. In her latest national qualifier and most esteemed victory at the Northwest Fitness Championship in Lakewood, Wash., Woodkey won her class and took first overall.

- Q:** Has it been difficult for you to manage graduating, work and competing all at the same time?

**A:** It takes a lot of time-management and preparing – I figure if I work hard now, I get to play later.

**Q:** What helps you stay motivated?

**A:** My clients really help me stay motivated. I see how hard they work and it makes me want to work equally as hard at what I do. I practice a lot of what I preach.

**Q:** What is your favorite thing about competing?

Athlete of the Week



**#7 Ryan Robertson**

**Position:** Quarterback  
**Height:** 6’3”  
**Class:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Sammamish  
**High School:** Eastlake

**Passing Yards- 322 yards**  
**Touchdowns- 3**  
**Completions- 29**  
**Attempts- 38**

**-Throws for career high 322 yards and 76.3 completion percentage against SOU**





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